Recommendations of NCW

2940. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the National Commission for Women have given consideration to the existing laws against sexual assault;

(b) if so, what are the major changes suggested;

(c) whether Government has accepted the recommendations; and

(d) by when Government would bring necessary amendments to the existing laws against sexual assault and rape based on the recommendations of NCW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major changes proposed relating to sexual assault are under Section 375, 376, 354 and 509 IPC and the relevant Sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act 1872.

(c) and (d) The recommendations are under the consideration of the Government. Since the amendments pertain to amending the provisions of IPC, CrPC and IEA, it would not be possible to give a time frame for bringing the necessary amendment at present.

Half-way homes and transit points

2941. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up half-way homes and transit points to control trafficking and for rescue and rehabilitation of its women victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a centrally funded project; and

(d) how far this would help to control and address this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) Under the Central Sector Scheme of Ujjawala, in the component of reintegration, there is a provision for setting up of half-way homes to facilitate effective reintegration of the beneficiaries into the community. Further, in the component of Repatriation, there is a provision of setting up of transit camp at the border-check points to facilitate cross border repatriation of victims.

Female infanticide

2942. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are fully aware of the killings of female child after birth;

(b) if so, the details of such infanticide during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) what are the effective measures taken or being taken to prevent this evil practice; and